ders of their filthy ware, who, in this Age of Scandals, are so bold and daring, that the very best of men, nay, even *Magistracy* it self cannot escape their envenom'd Pens Such Calumniators never considering, *That a good name is better than precious Oyntment, and more to be coveted than great riches.*

Nay, further, I must, in the strength of Truth aver, That I have not so much as been in the *Tower* of *London* above *once* this Three years; and that was above a Twelvemonth since; When I went to make a visit to my Honour'd Friends, Sir *George Wharton*,* and Sir *Jonas Moor*, (which latter is since deceased) in the company of Mr. *Bromwich* a Bookseller, near *Ludgate*, and Mr. *Partridge*, Author of the late Astrological *Vade Mecum*, which Book I prevailed with the Honourable Sir *George Wharton* to Patronize. And that was my sole and alone business in the *Tower* at that time, besides the paying of my due respects unto those my truly Honour'd and Loyal-hearted Friends.

* Sir *George Wharton* being then ill, I could not see him, so wrote a Letter to him only.

God preserve his most Sacred Majesty, and grant him a long and happy Life and Reign over us; and bless all the Royal Family from the malice of all such as think and wish them ill; Protect the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Commonalty of this Realm; and give Peace unto these Disturbed Kingdoms, in these our troublesome and unquiet days, if it be his blessed Will, *Amen.*

So prayeth, and so hopeth,

An earnest Implorer of Englands *happiness, and a Renouncer of all kinds of Interests or Parties that are opposite to His Majesty, and to the Government of these Nations, whether of Church or State, as now Established by Law.*

JOHN GADBURY.

ERRATA.

FOl. 5. l. 6. r. Ἀντιχαίρω, fol. 10. l. 16. for *wrote*, r. *write*, and for *subject*, r. *subject*, l. 18. for *my*, r. *any*, fol. 11. l. 8. blot out *met*, l. 17. for *intimus*, r. *intimis*.

XX

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HIS

Paſt and Preſent Opinion

OF THE

OTTOMAN

OR

Turkiſh Power:

Together with what he hath wrote concerning the

GREAT and PUISSANT FRENCH-KING;

A *Prince* (if there be truth in the *Stars*) not born to be Miſerable, (as ſome boldly write) but to be one of the greateſt Bulwarks of *Chriſtendom.*

——— *Veritas odium parit.*

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His Past and Present OPINION

OF THE

Ottoman, or Turkish, Power:

Together with what he hath wrote concerning the

FRENCH-KING.

BOoks, as *Knives*, are by the Learned esteemed Adiaphorous; and it is by our applying of them, that they become either good or bad. Ill Stomachs convert the wholsomest Food to Poyson; and what's design'd for Nourishments, through defect of our Constitutions, proves oftentimes pernicious, and helps to support our Distempers. — Neither was it any design of mine, in what I wrote concerning the *Turks*, in my *Ephemeris*, *Anno* 1678. to bring them in [Prophetically] to destroy *Christendom* at this time, or that the *Grand Seigneur* should go into *Italy*, pull down the Pope, and exalt himself in his room, ruine the Emperour, *&c.* nor yet to doom the Puissant *French*-King to Death, either in this very year, or any other year: But my Book falling into some peoples hands, who, either out of prejudice to Me, have thus interpreted me, or not understanding me aright, have nois'd me to have been the Prædictor or Prophesier of these amazing and amusing matters.

It is true indeed, that, considering the notable and spreading Differences among Christians, and an advance of *Atheism*, to the great decay of Christianity; as also, the sober Remarks made thereof by some of the most Learned in our Nation, I did signifie my Fears of a *Turkish* encroachment upon *Christendom*, *Anno* 1678. in these words following: — "It is in "*Mundane Affairs* as in a *Watch*, which when men would put out of order, "they either stop the Ballance, or displace the Spring thereof: *Religion* "is the Ballance or Spring of a Nation; the Soul of the Body-politick the "whole World over; the true *Spiritus Mundi*; the *Philosophers Stone* in "Government; and without it, all Empire would soon run to ruine. —

"How

"How choice and curiously careful ought Nations, therefore, as well as "Persons, to be in the preservation of their Religion! — *Religio neglecta "maximam Pestem in Civitatem infert, omnium scelerum seneſtram aperit,* "saith a learned Author: Religion neglected, despised, or brought into "contempt, brings the greatest Plagues upon Kingdoms, Countreys, "Cities and People, and opens a door to a Wickedness.

"The Stars not only in this *Year*, (as you have been told) but in this "*Age*, do seem to direct their Beams of Influence more particularly and "perpendicularly upon Religious Persons, Affairs, and Interests, *&c.* than "in sundry Ages past. I would enlarge upon this Theme a little, if I "thought I might not give offence. And here, I think it not amiss to mind "the World of a Chronological mistake, which I find in the Writings of "that Learned man *du Plessis*, concerning a Prædiction of *Albumazar*, "which he is pleas'd to urge against *Astrology*; 'Tis this, *Albumazar* "wrote, That the *Christian Religion* should continue but 1460 years; and "yet (saith he) God be thanked, it lifteth it self up, and shineth more and "more.

"I could, and do earnestly wish, That *du Plessis*, as to this his Prædiction "were in the right, and *Albumazar* mistaken; But *Albumazar*, from his "Skill in *Astrology*, understood that the *Christian Religion* first got ground "(God permitting it so to be, according to the course of second causes) "under the Regency of the Sun, whose great years are 1460. (*Cardan* "says, 1462.) which said number of years are not to be accounted from "the Birth of our blessed Saviour, but from the time that *Constantine* mo-"ved by God) first promoted *Christian Religion* by a Law; and that was "above 300 years after Christ's Birth. For the Birth of Christ was but the "Conception of Christianity, and *Constantine* was the happy Midwife of "that Divine and Heavenly Production. So that the mistake, you see, is "not (yet) in *Albumazar*, (whatever it may) but in *du Plessis*, who, I "conceive, did not fully apprehend him. And if we shall add 1460 to "312. (the year wherein the Christians were first own'd by a Law) the "sum will fall upon the year 1772 which clearly tell us, that we want "94. years of *Albumazar's* intended time.

"*Spineus* tells us, among other vain things, that the ☌ ♄ ♃, 1603. sig-"nified the Destruction of *Mahomet*, and Glory of *Christians*; but we "*Christians* have not so found it, but rather the contrary; for, as it is "truly, though sadly, observed by the Learned *Glanvill*, ---- Providence "seems now, by glorious Successes, to countenance the *Alchoran*, and the "Tyrant *Ottoman* spreads his Victorious Arms, and is flesh'd in Tryumphs, "vide *Seasonab. Reflect.* p. 126. And the Reverend Dr. *Cave* notes in his

"Epistle

" Epiſtle to *Primitive Chriſtianity*,--- That our *Religion* is ready to draw its " laſt Breath, being ſtifled and oppreſſed with the Vices and Impieties of a " debauch'd and profligate Age. And if we conſider the great progreſs the " *Turks* have made againſt *Chriſtendom* theſe laſt 100 years, and obſerve " therewith the preſent great Diviſion among Chriſtian Princes and Pre- " lates, and how the *Poles* and *Hungarians* are diſtreſſed by that Potent " Enemy,--- we may (perhaps, without *Aſtrology*) be able to preſage,--- " That if they proceed for the next 100 years after the ſame manner, *Al-* " *bumazar* may be found to be truer than we would be willing to have " him; and a *Turkiſh Barbarity* may come to be planted in the place of " *true Chriſtian Civility* among us: which God of his Mercy avert.

" And here, I cannot but crave leave to collect a few Lines from the " Travels of the Worthy Dr. *Edw. Brown*, Son to that Univerſity of Lear- " ning, the Author of *Religio Medici*, *viz.* in p 111. he writes,--- *A great* " *part of* upper-Hungary (*through which I travell'd*) *had a different face* " *from that of* Auſtria, *and from what they formerly had been. Some places* " *had been burnt or plunder'd by the* Turks *and* Tartars *in the late Wars, and* " *divers pay Contribution to them: ſo that many live warily and meanly, to be* " *leſs noted, even in parts of the Countrey better provided; and under the Em-* " *perour, a great part of the People being of the* Reformed Religion, *are un-* " *der ſuch hard meaſure and fears, that they live in little content: and being* " *of a ſtout and perſevering temper, they may in time become ſo deſperate, that* " *if the* Turk *ſhould powerfully break in, 'tis probable they would not fight ſo* " *heartily againſt him as in times paſt.*--- And in pag. 82. of the ſame Book, " he writes, *I am apt to think or fear, if he who putteth bounds to the Sea,* " *and ſaith*, Hitherto ſhalt thou come, and no further, *doth not put a ſtop to* " *their further Incurſions, they may probably obtain and conſerve a far larger* " *Empire, and even all* Europe *to the* Weſtern Ocean. *Certain it is, they are* " *not ſatisfied with their preſent bounds, and look beyond* Hungaria; *and I* " *heard them ſay, We muſt in due time come to* Beatch, (*for ſo they call* " Vienna) *and try our Fortunes again. At this day the* Star *and* Half-Moon " *are above the* Croſs *upon the Steeple of the Cathedral-Church of St.* Stephen, " *in the Emperours chief City*, Vienna; *and it griev'd me to ſee in all the* " *Confines, a Croſs which our Heraulds dream not of, which is, a* Croſs Luna- " ted:--- *Whereby They, the Inhabitants, as they teſtifie their* Chriſtianity, " *ſo they acknowledge the* Turkiſh Power. Thus far this ingenious Author.

" Nay, that illuminate man *Michael Noſtredamus* hath a Prophetical " Quadrin ſomewhat leaning towards the preſent Argument; 'Tis this:

Par

" *Par la discorde, negligence Gauloise,*
" *Sera passag a Mahomet ouvert :*
" *De Sang trempé la Terre & Mer Senoise,*
" *Le Port Phocen de voiles & Nefs couvert.*

" Which seems to sound thus in *English* :

" *Through* French *mens Discord and Neglect,*
" *A way is made for* Mahomet's *Sect* :
" Sienna's *Land and Sea shall bleed* ;
" Port-Phocen *full of Ships decreed.*

" I know the learned *Garenciers* is of opinion that this Prophecy was ful-
" fill'd *Anno* 1559. But I am of belief, that if it intend any thing, it must
" be of far greater consequence than any of the actions of that year could
" be : although I must allow, that *Henry* II. of *France* and *Sultan Solyman*
" were then concern'd in each others Affairs. But *H.* II. had *Gemini* for his
" Horoscope, a Sign not beholding the *Palladium* of the *Mahumetan* Faith :
" A Monarch of *France* therefore, of the same *Horoscope* with That, or in
" Trigonal Ray unto it, must be the Fulfiller of this ambiguous Prophecy.
" The former-quoted *Spinous* tells us, That there are yet two other Faiths
" to succeed *viz.* of *Mercury* and the *Moon:* But so to write, is not *Predi-*
" *ction*, but *Prophecy* ; there being no Rules in *Astrology* to countenance
" such Præsages. Howbeit, we have great cause to fear, that if the *Turks*
" should once more advance against *Christendom* powerfully, (and it is not
" the Valiant and Fortunate *Sobietski* can always live to prevent them)
" the grand Ecclesiastical Differences among us will not be so much be-
" tween *Papist* and *Protestant*, as between *Turk* and *Christian* ; and the
" grave *Mufti* and *Mussulman* may (to the sorrow and loss of Christi-
" ans) vie it with the Venerable *Bishop* and *Cardinal.*

" And this possibility of enlarging the *Turkish* Power in *Europe*, thus pre-
" sumed from Natural and Political Causes, *viz.* the Influences of the
" Stars, and the grand Animosities among Christian Princes and Prelates,
" *&c.* together with the Universal, and (almost) remedilesse contempt of
" the Clergy, may reasonably suggest unto us, that the Ark of God, even
" Christianity it self, is nearly ready to depart from our Tabernacles. God
" will not always be mocked ; and the true Worship and Adoration of his
" Name shall not for ever be profaned, contemned, despised. They are
" the words of *Horace* :----

" *Dii multa neglecti dederunt*
" *Hesperiæ mala luctuosæ.*

" When men abridge God of his Honour, God will shorten them of their
" Happiness, *Omnia prospera eveniunt colentibus Deos, adversa supernenti-*
bus,

" hus, saith *Cicero*. *Those People that have a Reverence for Religion and the* " *Worship of God, are ever prosperous; but the neglecters thereof are always* " *unhappy*. 'Tis *Religion* alone, as *Plutarch* witnesseth, that is the Ligature " of all Communities, and Firmament of Laws: It is that which is the " band of Families, and Foundation of Republicks.

" Let every Christian, therefore, use all just means and ways to preserve " his Religion, and implore Heaven, that the *Horned Moon* in a *Turkish* " sence, may never be exalted above the *Cross*, the *Ensign of our Religion* & " *Salvation*.--- *The alteration or shaking of Religion, is commonly the most* " *desperate Paroxism that can happen in a sickly Empire*, saith the learned " Bishop of *Down*. And once dissolve the Snow of Religion, a great deal " of dirty weather will infallibly follow, as the Divine *Leontius* Bishop of " *Antioch* wisely observ'd, when he strok'd his Reverend Silver Head.

" Strive we then, I say, each of us in our proper place and sphere, to ad- " vance the Peace of *Christendom*, against the menaces of the Stars, and " motion of the *Turks*; and in so doing, we shall be able to continue in the " rightful possessions of our minds, Honours and Fortunes: and as being " born and bred Christians, we may hope so to die, leaving our Posterity " to inherit what our Progenitors, by Gods Providence, and their great " care and industry, had bequeath'd unto us.--- Then shall we not need to " be either afraid of the *Turks* Power, or yet of the Judgments inculcated " to befal a wilful and obstinate People, as mention'd in the *Wisdom of* " *Solomon*, chap: 18. 14, 15, 16.--- *For whilst all things were in quiet si-* " *lence, and that the Night was in the midst of her swift course, thine Almigh-* " *ty Word leap'd down from Heaven out of thy Royal Throne, as a fierce man* " *of War, into the midst of a Land of Destruction, and brought thine unfeigned* " *Command, as a sharp Sword; and standing up, fill'd all things with Death.*

Thus far in my *Ephemeris* 1678. which is all that I can remember I ever wrote concerning my fears of the *Turks*.

And then, concerning the great *French* Monarch, that I may compurgate my self from any imprudent Predictions relating to him, as some have idly & falsly boasted me to have wrote, I shall here relate all again I have particularly mentioned of Him,--- *viz.* Having some years since had a scribling Contest with an *Anti-Scorpionist*, in defence of that my Theme, in my *Oblequium Rationabile*, I produc'd this Illustrious Princes Nativity, as it was printed by *Morinus* in his *Astrologia Gallica*, (that in the *Collectio Geniturarum* being wrong timed, as I have since prov'd to near 8 degrees in the *Horoscope*) and thence I wrote as follows,--- " Let (my Antagonist) " but consider how he hath blasted persons of the highest Honour and " Grandeur, and of the most glorious Fame in the World, by this his wic- " ked and invidious charge exhibited against *Scorpio*, and all persons born

under